GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NEW SYLLABUS FOR CBSE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the NCERT to introduce new syllabus for the CBSE;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the specific steps taken by NCERT to bring about necessary changes in the school syllabus;

(d) the time by which this syllabus is likely to be introduced;

(e) whether the syllabus is likely to be introduced from the current session, 2002-2003; and

(f) the arrangement made by the Government to provide adequate number of books?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. NCERT, which is a professional, autonomous Institution, after developing the new syllabus, forwards the same to State Boards of Secondary/Higher Secondary Education,including CBSE.Adoption or adaptation of the new syllabus is left to the independent judgement of these boards.

(c): The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, recommended reviewof implementation of its various parameters every five years. The last National Curriculum Framework was preparedin 1988 and thus became due to be reviewed. The present Curriculum Framework has accordingly been prepared after extensive consultation, interaction, discussions with educational bodies, eminent experts, etc., review of curricular materials and taking into account consensus reached during the deliberations in National and Regional Seminars, Workshops etc. After preparation of the curricular framework, NCERT has developed subject-wise syllabi.

(d) & (e): CBSE has indicated to NCERT that it mayintroduce the new syllabus in a phased manner from the new academic year beginning April 2002.

(f): Textbooks are being developed by NCERT for thesubjects for all classes where the new syllabus is being introduced. NCERT would be in a position to make available adequate number of new textbooks by the beginning of new session.